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Dear Mr. Snow:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft CALFED plan.

I am currently serving in my second term on the Marin Municipal Water District's (MMWD) Board of Directors. MMWD serves about 180,000 persons in central and southern Marin County.

The draft CALFED plan and the CALFED program are tremendous steps in promoting a more comprehensive approach to the management of the Bay Delta. I thank you for your hard work in this process.

I do, however, want to emphasize that I support far stronger statewide water conservation and efficiency requirements as part of the CALFED plan. In particular, I support efforts to improve conservation among agricultural users. Success in this area could free up significant blocks of water for environmental protection and for drinking water in urban areas.

MMWD has long been recognized as a leader in water conservation and efficiency. These efforts have provided both economic and environmental benefits. Ensuring that all areas in the state implement similar water conservation and efficiency programs rather than develop new supply also should be included in the CALFED plan.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the CALFED plan.

Sincerely,



Joe Nation
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Cc: Environmental Water Caucus